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In re Application for:

**Kodama et al.**

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,  
IMAGE COMPRESSION APPARATUS,  
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,  
IMAGE COMPRESSION METHOD,  
PROGRAM, AND RECORDING  
MEDIUM

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2007, in connection with the above referenced patent application, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.